Teen Dating Violence Findings from the 1997 MA Youth Risk Behavior Survey

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Massachusetts YRBS

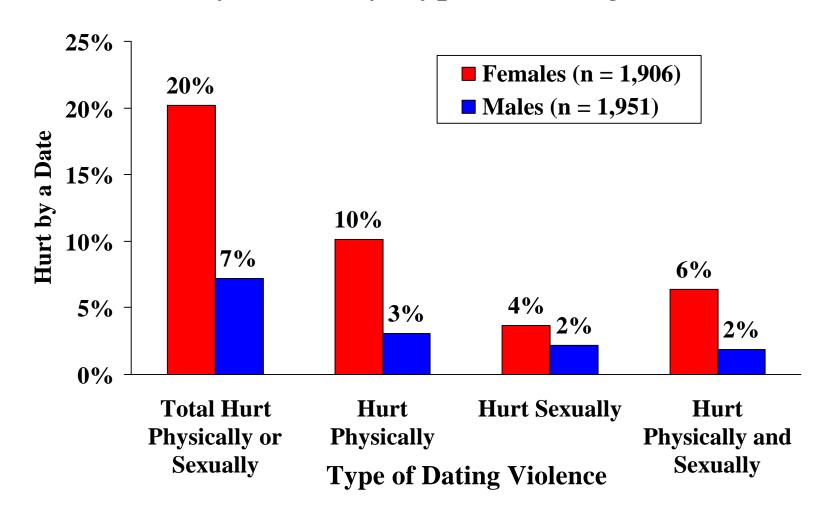
- Conducted every 2 years by the Department of Education, funded by CDC
- Monitors behaviors relating to leading causes of morbidity and mortality among youth and adults
- In 1997, 58 public high schools participated
- 3,982 students
- Note: because of survey methods, causality cannot be concluded for associations between adverse health behaviors and teen dating violence.

The MA Dept. of Public Health Women's Health Unit collaborated with the MA Dept. of Education to include the following question on teen dating violence in the 1997 MA Youth Risk Behavior Survey:

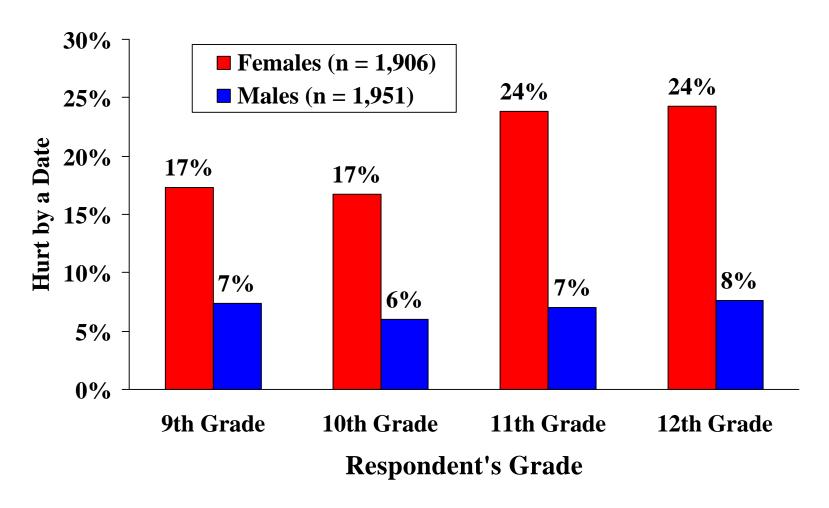
Have you ever been hurt physically or sexually by a date or someone you were going out with? This would include being hurt by being shoved, slapped, hit, or forced into any sexual activity.

- a. I have never been hurt by a date or someone I was going with
- b. Yes, I was hurt physically
- c. Yes, I was hurt sexually
- d. Yes, I was hurt both physically and sexually

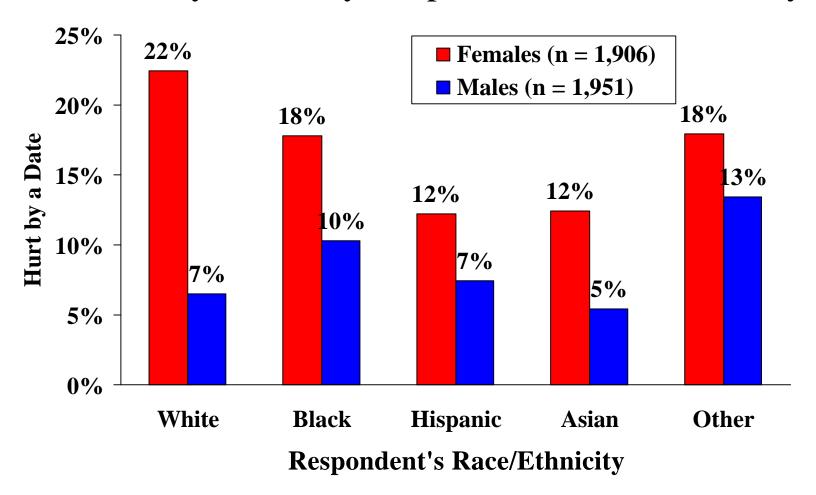
Percentage of Females and Males Reporting Having been Hurt by a Date by Type of Dating Violence



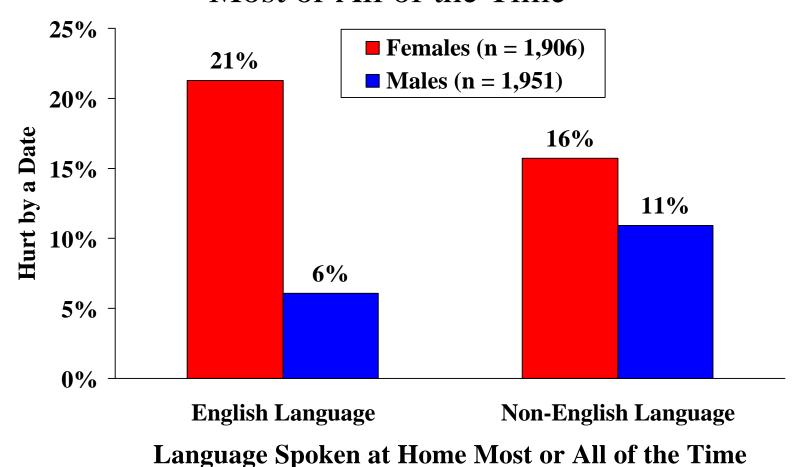
Percentage of Females and Males Reporting Having been Hurt by a Date by Respondent's Grade



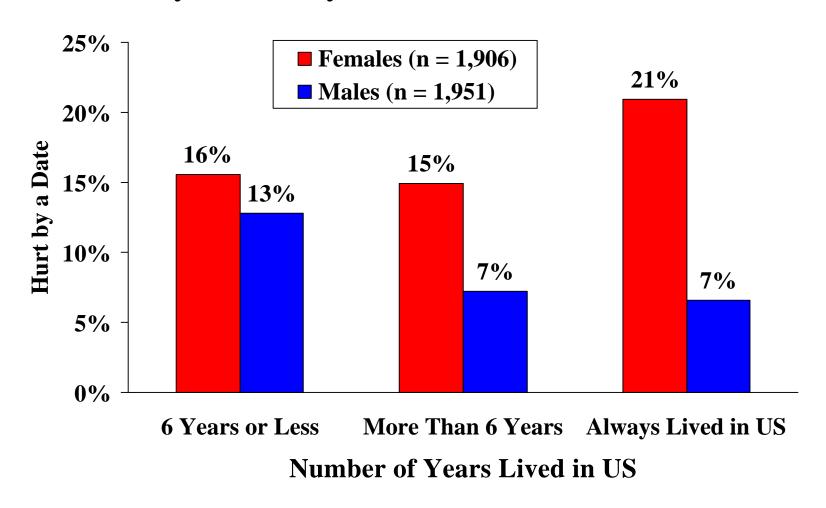
Percentage of Females and Males Reporting Having been Hurt by a Date by Respondent's Race/Ethnicity



Percentage of Females and Males Reporting Having been Hurt by a Date by Language Spoken at Home Most or All of the Time

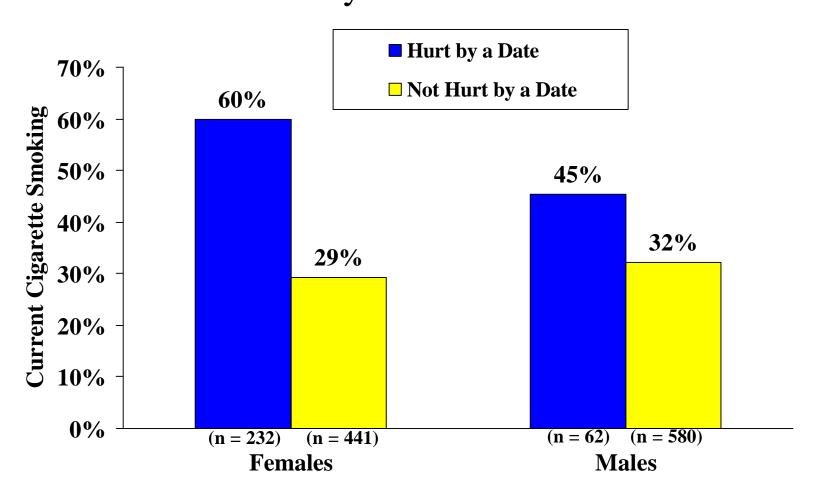


Percentage of Females and Males Reporting Having been Hurt by a Date by Number of Years Lived in US

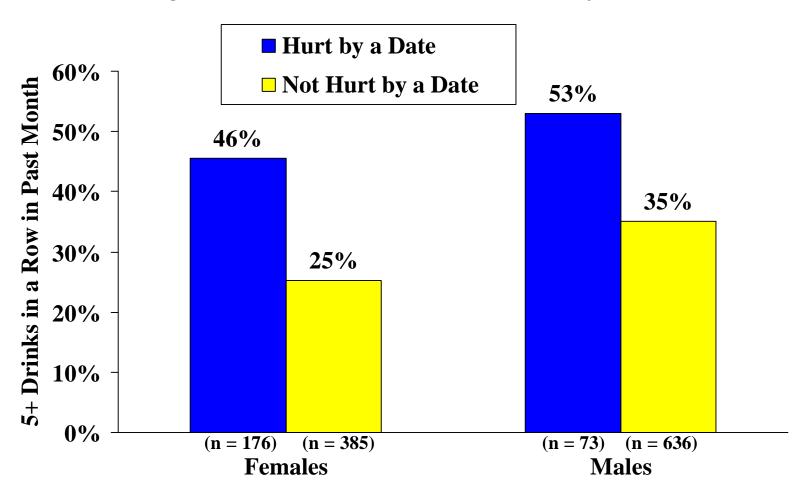


The remaining charts look at the association between adverse health behaviors and dating violence.

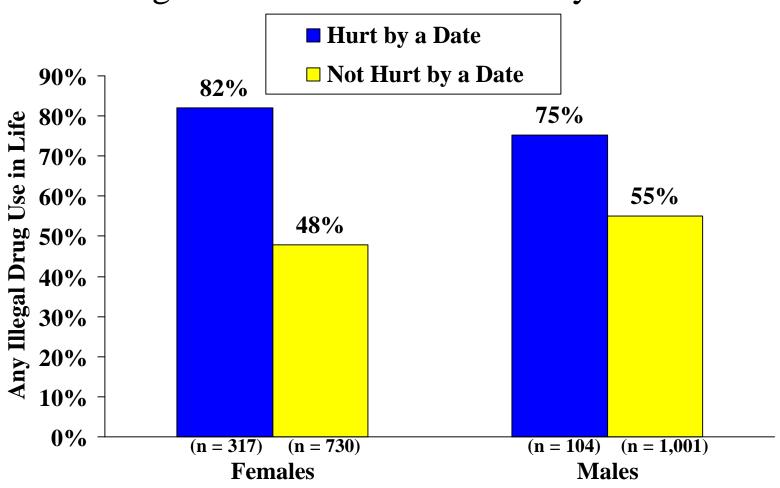
Percentage of Females and Males Who Report Current Cigarette Smoking Among Those Hurt vs. Not Hurt by a Date



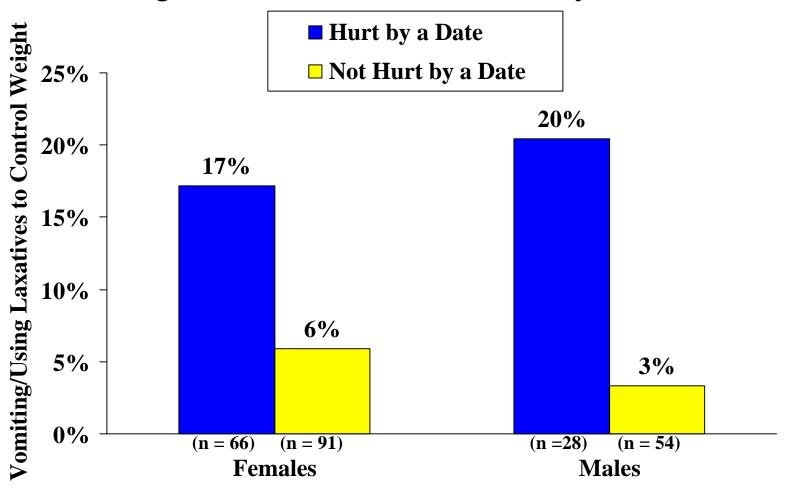
Percentage of Females and Males Who Report 5+ Drinks in a Row in Past Month Among Those Hurt vs. Not Hurt by a Date



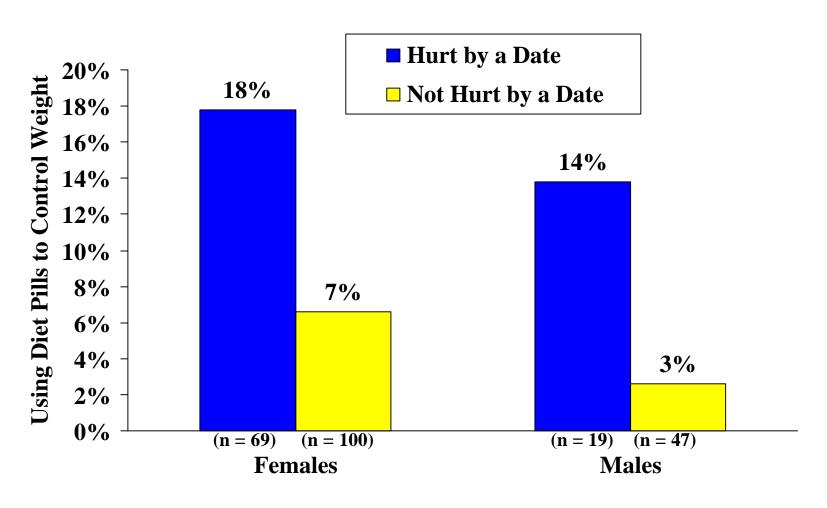
Percentage of Females and Males Who Report Any Illegal Drug Use in Life Among Those Hurt vs. Not Hurt by a Date



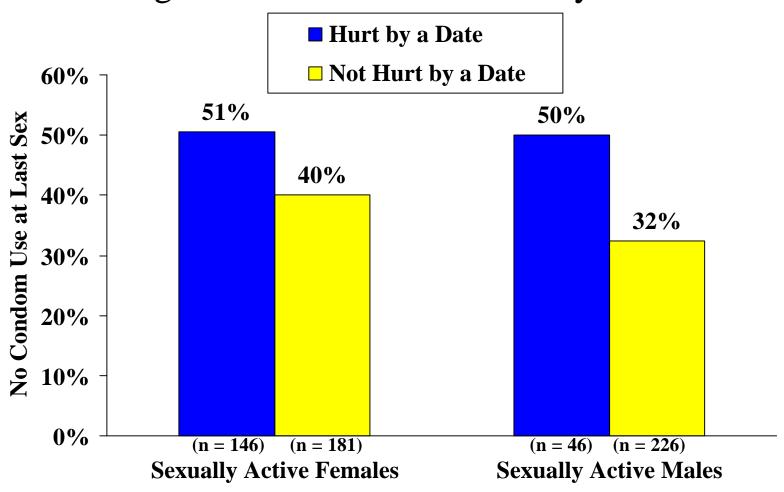
Percentage of Females and Males Who Report Vomiting/Using Laxatives to Control Weight Among Those Hurt vs. Not Hurt by a Date



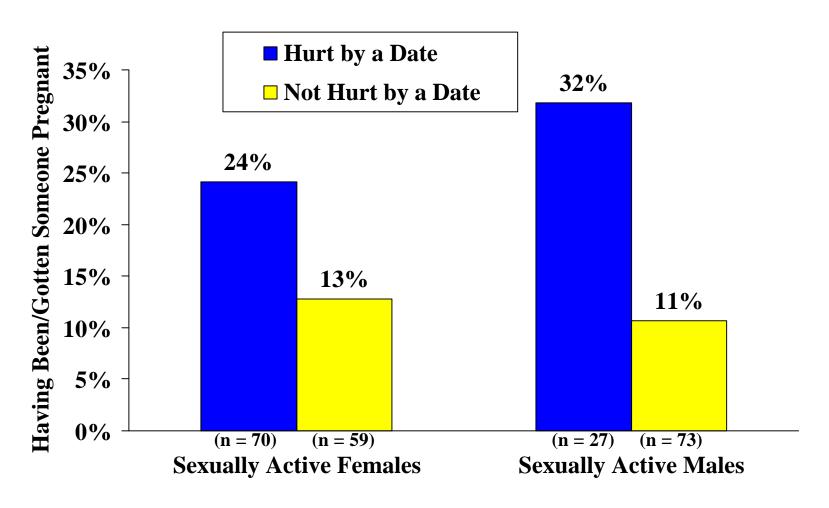
Percentage of Females and Males Who Report Using Diet Pills to Control Weight Among Those Hurt vs. Not Hurt by a Date



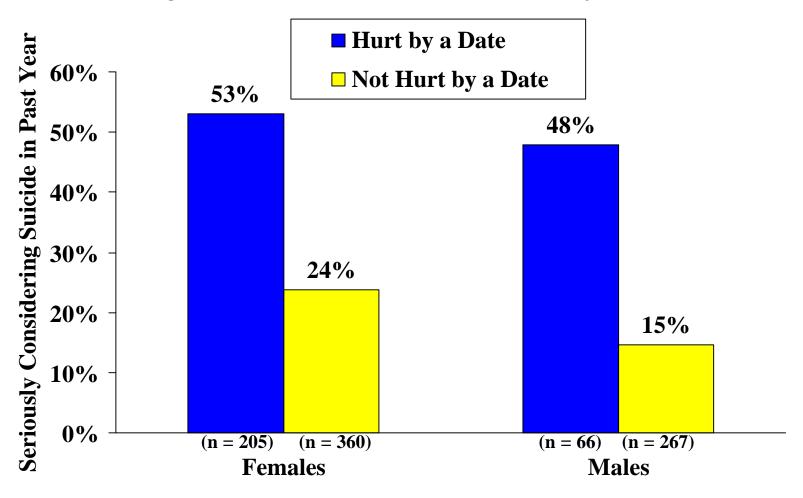
Percentage of Sexually Active Females and Males Who Report No Condom Use at Last Sex Among Those Hurt vs. Not Hurt by a Date



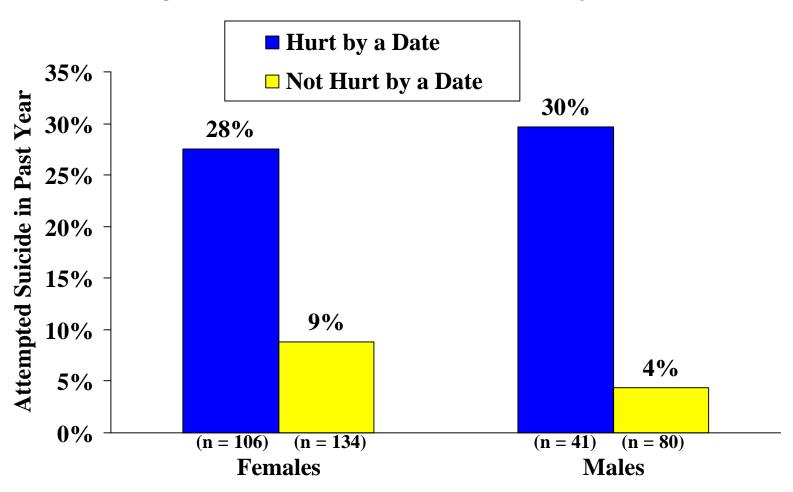
Percentage of Sexually Active Females and Males Who Report Having Been/Gotten Someone Pregnant Among Those Hurt vs. Not Hurt by a Date



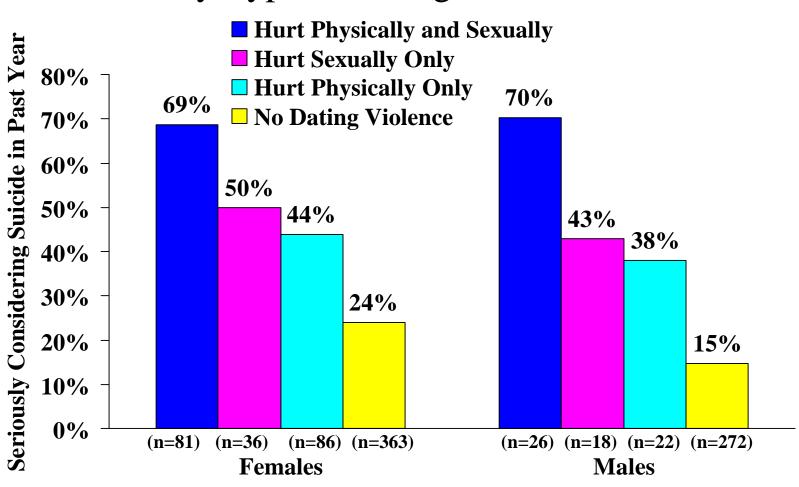
Percentage of Females and Males Who Report Seriously Considering Suicide in Past Year Among Those Hurt vs. Not Hurt by a Date



Percentage of Females and Males Who Report Having Attempted Suicide in Past Year Among Those Hurt vs. Not Hurt by a Date



Percentage of Females and Males Who Report Seriously Considering Suicide in Past Year by Type of Dating Violence



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